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SUBJ: KENYAN DELEGATION TO CARACAS CONFERENCE

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SUMMARY: NAMES, BIO DATA AND COMMENTS ON LIKELY AUTHORITY GIVEN
KENYAN DEL TO CARACAS LOS CONFERENCE GIVEN BELOW. END SUMMARY.

I. ALTHOUGH NOT YET OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED, EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS
FOLLOWING WILL BE ON KENYAN DELEGATION TO CARACAS LOS CONFERENCE:

I. FRANK X.C. NJENGA, FIRST SECRETARY, KENYAN UN MISSION.

II. A.O. ADEDE, DIRECTOR MOFA LEGAL DIVISION OR DONALD W.
KINARU, ALSO MOFA LEGAL DIVISION.

III. PHILIP G. GITONGA, UNDER SECRETARY, MIN. DEF.

IV. CAPT. A. A. RAFROUF, KENYA NAVY.

V. WILLIAM MBOTE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, FISHERIES DEPT., MIN.
OF TOURISM AND WILDLIFE.

VI. WILLIAM OKOTH, MINES & GEOLOGICAL DEPT., MIN OF NATURAL

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RESOURCES.

VII. P.M. MUNENE, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO PERMANENT SECRETARY IN
OFFICE OF PRESIDENT.

OF ABOVE, ALL BUT NJENGA, GITONGA AND MBOTE PRESENT FOR MAY 21
WORKING SESSION WITH MOORE LOS TEAM. ALL SPEAK ENGLISH.

2. BIOGRAPHIC COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS NOTHING TO ADD TO DEPT'S
BIO ON NJENGA AND MBOTE BEYOND SAYING NJENGA WILL BE ACTUAL IF
NOT TITULAR HEAD KENYAN DEL AND THAT MBOTE, FELLOW KIKUYU AND
CLOSE CRONY OF NJENGA'S, IS RATHER SHALLOW, EMOTIONAL IND-
IVIDUAL WHO IS FREQUENTLY SUSPICIOUS OF BIG POWER MOTIVES.
HE WILL PROBABLY BE MOST DIFFICULT MEMBER KENYA DEL FROM U.S.
VIEWPOINT. REFERENCE TO I.S. BHOI IN NJENGA BIO SENT EMBASSY SHOULD
BE DROPPED AS BHOI HAS EMIGRATED TO CANADA.

3. ADEDE, 35 YR OLD LUO LAWYER WITH OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC RECORD
THAT INCLUDES MA FROM FLETCHER AND PHD (INTERNATIONAL LAW)
FROM HARVARD, HAS BEEN TRYING TO MOVE KENYAN LOS PROCEDURES FROM
NJENGA'S BACK POCKET TO MORE FORMAL MINISTERIAL CHANNELS. ADEDE
IS ONE OF EMBASSY'S MOST HELPFUL MOFA CONTACTS, BUT HE HAS TO TREAD
SOFTLY WITH NJENGA AND HIS KIKUYU GROUP ON DEL. IF ADEDE NOT PICKED
FOR CARACAS, MOFA REP. WILL BE KINARU, AN AGGRESSIVE, SHARP YOUNG
KIKUYU LAWYER TRAINED UNIV. DAR ES SALAAM WHO SERVED AT KENYAN
UN MISSION, WHERE HE ALSO WORKED WITH NJENGA ON LOS. THERE IS SOME
EVIDENCE OF PROFESSIONAL JEALOUSY BETWEEN NJENGA AND KINARU.

4. GITONGA, 40 YR-OLD SECOND-RANKING CIVIL SERVANT IN MIN. DEF.
WITH PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR BUDGETARY MATTERS, IS U.S.-EDUCATED
(BARRINGTON COLLEGE/BROWN UNIV). ANOTHER OF NJENGA'S
KIKUYU COTERIE, GITONGA IS NEW TO LOS AND APPEARS MORE INTERESTED
IN TRIP TO CARACAS THAN ISSUES. HE PLANS TO STAY AT CONFERENCE
ONLY FEW WEEKS, LEAVING CAPT. (ARMY RANK) RAFROUF OF KENYAN NAVY
TO COVER MIN. DEF. INTERESTS THERE-AFTER. RAFROUF IS YOUNG,
PERSONABLE COASTAL TYPE WITH NO LOS EXPERIENCE.

5. MUNENE AND OKOTH BOTH NEW TO LOS AND TO EMBASSY. MUNENE
APPEARS TO BE QUIET, HARD-WORKING KIKUYU CIVIL SERVANT WHO HAS
RESPONSIBILITIES FOR BOUNDARY QUESTIONS IN PRESIDENTS OFFICE.
OKOTH IS A QUIET BUT PROFESSIONALLY COMPETENT LUO GEOLOGIST/-
GEOPHYSICIST EDUCATED AT SWEDEN'S UPSALA UNIV. HE REPLACES JOHN
WALSH, KENYA'S EXPATRIATE CHIEF GEOLOGIST, ON LOS TEAM.
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6. AUTHORITY: NJENGA HAS LONG HAD FOR. MIN. MUNGAI'S FULL
SUPPORT IN HIS HANDLING OF LOS FOR GOK AND WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE
EXTENSIVE AUTHORITY AT CARACAS. WOULD NOTE IN THIS CONNECTION
THAT QUESTION OF AUTHORITY RAISED NAIROBI REFTEL HAS APPARENTLY
BEEN RESOLVED WITH KARIITHI ACCEPTING MOFA'S ARGUMENT THAT CABINET
AUTHORITY NOT REQUIRED FOR POSITIONS UNDER NEGOTIATION.

7. IF FOR. MIN. MUNGAI GOES TO CARACAS AS TITULAR HEAD KENYAN
DEL, IT WILL ONLY BE FOR BRIEF PERIOD AS THIS AN ELECTION YEAR
IN KENYA. SHOUD HE GO, MUNDAI, WILL PROBABLY RAISE INDIAN OCEAN
ZONE OF PEACE PROPOSAL IN PLENARY SPEECH, BUT THERE NO INDICATION
GOK DEL. PLANNING TO PUSH ISSUE IN COMMITTEE.
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